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1. SUMMARY: ACTION ADDRESSEE COOPERATION REQUESTED IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR STUDY TOUR BY SELECT GROUP OF DANISH EDITORS IN PERIOD MAY 5 THROUGH 12. END SUMMARY.
2. EMBASSY'S SECOND NATO TOUR AFTER DECADE-LONG HIATUS HAS BEEN CAST TO REINFORCE DANISH POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO NATO BY BRINGING SELECT GROUP OF DANISH EDITORS TOGETHER WITH NATO LEADERS FOR CAREFULLY ORGANIZED ON-SCENE CONSULTATIONS AND OB-
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SERVATION. THESE SIX EDITORS, SPECIALIZING IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTARY, REPRESENT A COUNTRY-WIDE SPECTRUM OF NEWSPAPERS AND HAVE THEIR STRONGEST IMPACT OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY. ALL ARE IN POSITION TO INCREASE ADNISH POPULAR SUPPORT FOR DENMARK'S ROLE IN THE NATO ALLIANCE. ALL HAVE ACCEPTED THE INFORMAL INVITATION. ALL SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH.
3. ACCORDITLY WE REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES ASSISTANCE AND COOP-

ERATION IN ARRANGING A TOP-LEVEL PROGRAM FOR MAY 5-12 STUDY TOUR TO BRUSSELS, NAPLES, SIXTH FLEET AND GERMANY. NOTE THAT MEMBERS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS THURSDAY EVENING MAY 4 IN ORDER TO BE ON BOARD FOR FULL PROGRAM DAY FRIDAY.

4. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAM AND URGE ADDRESSEES TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE IN TAILORING THEIR PARTS OF IT TO BETTER INFORM GROUP MEMBERS ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPLEXITIES OF NATO, THE ROLE OF NATO IN THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE AND THE NATURE OF THE OPPOSING FORCES. THESE ARE EXPERIENCED JOURNALISTS WITH NO INTEREST IN CANNED BRIEFINGS OR SET PIECES BUT WITH GREAT INTEREST IN THOUGHTFUL ANALYSES AND MUTUAL DISCUSSION IN INFORMAL, ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS, REINFORCED BY THE DRAMATIC IMPACT OF THE CARRIER SEGMENT AND THE HARSH POLITICAL REALITIES IMPLICIT IN THE GERMAN BORDER ARRANGEMENT. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR WILL ACCOMPANY.

5. NOW FOR THE SCHEDULE. THURSDAY MAY 4. ARRIVE BRUSSELS AT VARYING TIMES IN EVENING. PLEASE RESERVE SIX SINGLES WITH BATH AT HOTEL ASTORIA. UNNECESSARY TO MEET BUT REQUEST USICA/NATO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR PROGRAM DAY AND FOR DEPARTURE.

6. FRIDAY MAY 5. THE BRUSSELS VISIT SHOULD BE FITTED AROUND INFORMAL SESSION WITH GENERAL HAIG IN HIS OFFICE. SUGGEST SACEUR IN HIS REMARKS INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON MAINTAINING HIGH LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO AND DISCUSSION ON NEUTRON WEAPONS VIS A VIS SOVIET NUCLEAR ARMORY. WILL ALSO NEED OVERVIEW OF POLITICAL STATE OF THE ALLIANCE, INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL, WITH US AMB AND DANISH AMB IF POSSIBLE, PLUS BRIEFINGS BY APPROPRIATE STAFF LEVEL ON EXTENT TO WHICH WARSAW PACT INCONFIDENTIAL

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CREASING DEFENSE SPENDING, FORCES AND OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES PLUS BRIEFING ON NATO FORWARD DEFENSE STRATEGY. THIS IS AMBITIOUS PROGRAM FOR ONE BUSINESS DAY AND WE LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE FITTED IN.

7. SATURDAY MAY 6. DEPART BRUEEELS 1310 VIA SN 803, ARRIVE ROME 1335, DEPART ROME 1510 VIA AZ 291, ARRIVE NAPLES 1625. REQUEST AFSOUTH MEET AND RESERVE SIX SINGLES WITH BATH AT HOTEL VESUVIO. SINCE SUNDAY IS NON-PROGRAM DAY, CAN AFSOUTH LAY ON TRIP TO POMPEII AND HERCULANEIUM FOR GROUP ON MAY 7?

8. MONDAY MAY 8. REQUEST AFSOUTH ALSO COORDINATE VISIT TO AFSOUTH HQS, COMSIXTHFLT AND OVERNIGHT ABOARD US CARRIER (REF A). A. REQUEST AFSOUTH HQ. BRIEFING ON MONDAY MORNING, TO INCLUDE SHORT, PRECISE ANALYSIS OF STRATEGIC PICTURE, THREAT AND FORCE COMPARISONS ON SOUTHERN FLANK. SESSION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY HIGH LEVEL OFFICER, ABJURING SLIDES AND CHARTS IF POSSIBLE. B. IF THERE IS TIME, REQUEST VISIT TO COMSIXTHFLT AT GAETA VIA HELICOPTER, WITH BRIEFINGS TO FOCUS ON SOVIET NAVAL STRENGTH BUILDUP. C. OVERNIGHT VISIT TO CARRIER FORRESTAL SHOULD INCLUDE DAY AND NIGHT FLIGHTS, FLIGHT OPS, SESSIONS WITH CTF COMMANDER AND SHIP'S CAPTAIN, FULL SHIP'S TOUR AND TIME FOR DISCUSSION WITH SHIP'S OFFICERS. GROUP MUST RETURN TO NAPLES IN TIME TO MAKE FRANKFURT FLIGHT AT 1730 ON MAY 10.

9. WEDNESDAY, MAY 10. DEPART NAPLES 1730 VIA LH 305 ARR FRANKFURT 1945. LEAVE FRANKFURT 2055 VIA LH 944, ARR STUTTGART 2144. WOULD APPREUATE BEING MET BY EUCOM. PLS RESERVE SIX SINGLES WITH BATH AT APPROPRIATE HOTEL.

10. THURSDAY MAY 11.. REQ INFORMAL BRIEFING SESSION WITH CINCUSAREUR, FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO EAST GERMAN BORDER IN SECTOR PATROLLED BY US 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY, VIA HELICOPTER TRANSPORT. IF THERE IS TIME, WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT USAF RAMSTEIN FOR BRIEFINGS ON WARSAW PACT OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE AIR, ON AWACS AND ON THE F-16. MEETING WITH CINCUSAFE AND TOUR OF FLIGHT LINE TO BE INCLUDED. GROUP MUST BE BACK IN FRANKFURT FOR FLIGHT LH 004 DEPARTING FOR COPENHAGEN AT 1640 MAY 12.

11. REQUEST ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES PROVIDE NAMES, PHONE NBRS, PROJECT OFFICER SOONEST. COPENHAGEN PROJECT OFF IS PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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12. GROUP IS WILLING TO GO ANYWHERE IN MEDITERRANEAN TO BOARD US NAVY FLIGHT TO AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

13. ALL PROGRAMS SHOULD CONTAIN MINIMAL FORMAL PRESENTATION AND BE BUILT AROUND LESS FORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS. NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON PARTICIPANTS WILL FOLLOWS.

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